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SUBJECT: GOF PRESS BACKGROUNDER IS NEGATIVE TOWARD
ATLANTIC SUMMIT

1. BOTH ASSOCIATED PRESS AND AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE
CARRYING TICKER ITEMS APRIL 15 QUOTING WELL INFORMED
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FRENCH SOURCES AS BEING NEGATIVE TOWARD IDEA OF ATLANTIC

SUMMIT MEETING. ASSOCIATED PRESS REPORT SAYS THE FOLLOWING:

"PARIS (AP) - FRANCE LOOKS WITH DISFAVOR ON THE ATLANTIC SUMMIT MEETING PROPOSED BY PRESIDENT FORD BECAUSE IT DOESN'T SEE 'HOW IT CAN BE USEFUL,' WELL INFORMED FRENCH SOURCES REPORTED TODAY.

"THE INFORMANTS WERE COMMENTING ON REPORTS THAT THE FRENCH MIGHT ATTEND THE MEETING OF NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION CHIEFS OF STATE.

"THE FRENCH SOURCES ALSO SAID THE GOVERNMENT DOES NOT FEEL IT NECESSARY TO BRING THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE TOGETHER BEFORE THE SUMMIT MEETING THAT IS PROJECTED TO CONCLUDE THE CONFERENCE ON EUROPEAN SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN HELSINKI.

"THE SOURCES SAID THAT IT CONSIDERED A NATO SUMMIT AS PURPOSELESS BECAUSE THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE IS NOT CONCERNED WITH THE MIDDLE EAST OR SOUTHEAST ASIA PROBLEMS AND BECAUSE IT FULLY DISCUSSED ITS INTERNAL PROBLEMS AT ITS LAST MEETING IN OTTAWA."

2. AGENCE FRANCE PRESS REPORT IS THE SAME WITH FOLLOWING NUANCE IN LANGUAGE:

"IN REPLY TO REPORTS OF AMERICAN ORIGIN THAT FRANCE IS PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE AT SUCH A SUMMIT, WELL INFORMED FRENCH SOURCES SAY THAT FRANCE REMAINS OPPOSED TO A NATO SUMMIT CONFERENCE."

3. ASSOCIATED PRESS CONTACT INFORMS US THAT AP RELEASE WAS PROVIDED ON BACKGROUND BY FRENCH PRESIDENTIAL PRESS SPOKESMAN XAVIER GOUYOU-BEAUCHAMPS DURING DAILY ELYSEE BRIEFING APRIL 15.

4. POLCOUNSELOR CALLED QUAI DEPUTY POLITICAL DIRECTOR LEPRETTE, WHO SAID THAT AS FAR AS HE WAS AWARE, ELYSEE PRESS BACKGROUNDER WAS NOT PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED OR CONFIDENTIAL

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STAFFED AT THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, WHERE ISSUE OF ATLANTIC SUMMIT IS STILL UNDER REVIEW.

5. QUAI PRESS OFFICIALS SUBSEQUENTLY INFORMED JOURNALISTS THAT BEAUCHAMPS BACKGROUNDER WAS IN RESPONSE TO EVANS AND NOVAK COLUMN OF APRIL 14 IN WASHINGTON POST WHICH SAID THAT GISCARD HAD AGREED TO ATTEND NATO SUMMIT. (COLUMN NOT PRINTED IN INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE

BECAUSE PRINTERS STRIKE STOPPED ALL NEWSPAPER PUBLICATION
APRIL 15.) QUAI SPOKESMEN SAID THAT EVANS AND NOVAK
COLUMN EXPRESSED SUCH CERTAINTY ABOUT ALLEGED GOF POSI-
TIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD SUMMIT THAT IMMEDIATE AND HARD-
HITTING DENIAL WAS REQUIRED.
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